Revised Dates for the
1999-2000 Academic Performance Index (API) Growth Reports

In the letter of September 5, 2000 from Leslie Fausset and Scott Hill, we announced a tentative schedule for the release of the 1999-2000 Academic Performance Index (API) Growth Reports. Due to the large number of schools that are correcting 2000 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) demographic data through Harcourt, we have revised both (1) the deadline for making 2000 STAR data corrections and (2) the release schedule for the Growth Reports.

1.   Revised Due Dates for 2000 STAR Data Corrections

To ensure the accuracy of the 1999-2000 API Growth Reports, we asked you in the August 30 letter from William Padia to review the 2000 STAR demographic data for your schools and, if necessary, correct the data through the Harcourt STAR Service Center. We have revised the deadlines for this process as follows: CDE and Harcourt must be notified of the existence of data errors by **September 22**, and Harcourt must receive all data corrections by **September 29**. **NOTE: Schools that make <u>any</u> 2000 STAR demographic data corrections through Harcourt will <u>not</u> have their 1999-2000 API Growth Results posted on the CDE API web site for the October 2-4 release. Instead, the results for these schools will be delayed and posted later as part of the December 7 release, as described below.**

2.   Revised Release Schedule for 1999-2000 API Growth Reports

The following schedule shows the revised release of information related to the 1999-2000 API Growth Reports.

September 13   Assistance packets and information for Reporting the API Growth and Awards for 1999-2000 were posted on the CDE API web site at http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/api. The packets and related information include the following documents:
* *Staff and Parents: Communications Assistance Packet*
* *Media Assistance Packet for Districts*
* *Press Briefing Packet*
* *Parent Brochures about Growth and Awards*
* *Transparency Masters*
* *Sample Reports*
* *Questions and Answers*
* *Timeline of Key Dates*
* *API Reporting Cycles*

September 15   Application forms for schools eligible for the next planning grant cycle of the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) were mailed to superintendents and the list of

eligible schools were posted on the CDE API web site at http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/api.

September 18-20   A series of press briefings about the release of the 1999-2000 API Growth Reports were held in northern and southern California.

September 27   A letter containing the **special password for Internet access** and other details about the October 2-4 release will be mailed to superintendents.

October 2-4   A series of progressive Internet releases of the **Summary and Detailed Reports for 1999-2000 API Growth** are scheduled:

Phase 1:   **October 2 (by noon)**, district access to a restricted site with special password for both Summary and Detailed Reports

Phase 2:   **October 3 (by 10:00 a.m.)**, media access to a restricted site for Summary Reports with their own special password

Phase 3:   **October 4 (by 10:30 a.m.)**, public access to the Summary lists and reports at http://api.cde.ca.gov

This release will **exclude** the Similar Schools Growth Ranks and schools conducting data corrections through Harcourt. A statewide data file of Summary Report information will also be available. **The information provided on October 2 is embargoed until October 4. <u>NOTE: It is important to not share the web site password or information during the embargo time period, otherwise future early release for districts will not take place.</u>**

October 4-6   Eligible schools must apply for the II/USP planning grants prior to or during this time period. Details about this process are included in the September 15 letter (see above).

October 16   A letter listing the schools selected for the II/USP planning grants for 2000-2001 will be mailed to superintendents and posted on the CDE API web site at http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/api.

December 7   The Internet release of the **final Summary and Detailed Reports for 1999-2000 API Growth** is scheduled to be posted. This release will **include** the Similar Schools Growth Ranks for all schools and the full reports for schools that corrected data through Harcourt. A statewide data file of Summary Report information will also be available. The password for Internet access and other details about this release will be mailed to superintendents prior to December 7.